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MILLENNIUM CHECKLIST

Week One
January Cover Date
Millennium #1
Firestorm #67
Flash #8
Justice League #9
Outsiders #27
Wonder Woman #12

Week Two
Millennium #2
Batman #415
Blue Beetle #20
Legion #42
Secret Origins #22
Superman #13
Young All-Stars #8

Week Three
Millennium #3
Adventures of Superman #436
Booster Gold #24
Green Lantern Corps #220
Infinity, Inc. #46

Week Four
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Suicide Squad #9
Spectre #10

Week Five
February Cover Date
Millennium #5
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Flash #9
Wonder Woman #13
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Week Six
Millennium #6
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Young All-Stars #9

Week Seven
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Booster Gold #25
Green Lantern Corps #221
Infinity, Inc. #47

Week Eight
Millennium #8
Spectre #11
Teen Titans Spotlight #19

MEanWHILe...

BY DICK GIORDANO

These days, when I walk down DC's hallowed halls, I don't hear as much of the old klik-klik-klik of typewriters clattering in each office I pass. In a lot of those cubbyholes, the sound is now the much gentler tap-tap-tap of my colleagues' fingers on a MacIntosh keyboard. That's right . . . we've gone and installed a bunch of computers here at DC. It's funny to watch as the half of the staff that are computer literate whiz kids try to teach the other half who continually ask,"What does *this* button do?"

Just what *do* they do, you may very well ask. Well, right now they're overheating as they coordinate the biggest DC publishing event of the year: MILLENNIUM. You've seen line-wide crossover continuity before, but now we're taking it to the max! MILLENNIUM, crossovers and all, will be nothing less than a *fifty-six*-part series! CRISIS told the origin of the new DC Universe and LEGENDS gave it a reason for being. Now, MILLENNIUM starts our Universe's 1,000-year evolution ("millennium" means 1,000 years).

MILLENNIUM is the next step, not just for our characters, but in a way, for the type of story it tells. We decided that if we were going to tackle a big project like this, there had better be a big reason behind it all. Series writer Steve Englehart, penciller Joe Staton, and editor Andy Helfer (names I'm sure are familiar to you) rolled up their sleeves and went to work. I think they've delivered . . . in spades!

It wasn't merely enough for them to have our heroes battle some great menace with the requisite plot twists and turns along the way. One of the hallmarks of Steve's work has been the way ordinary folk act in extraordinary circumstances . . . and the hope and optimism they bring to those circumstances.

What sort of circumstances? Well, what would you do if someone told *you* that you were going to live forever? Or that you were the next step in human evolution? Speaking for myself, in the former case, I'd get more inking and less worrying done, and in the latter, I'd win more arguments around this place. Who's going to mess with the next step in human evolution, right?

Steve's been quoted as saying he wanted to "add something positive to the DC Universe," and I think he has. LEGENDS detailed what makes our heroes so heroic. MILLENNIUM will show what makes some ordinary people *just* as hoeric.

MILLENNIUM is an epic, but don't expect the kind of grand alterations of time and space that came with the CRISIS. There *will* be changes, but MILLENNIUM will touch them off, set them going, not blanketly transform things. Look for the kinds of changes I mean in places like BLUE BEETLE and FIRESTORM, to be specific.

Rest assured, though, that the events in MILLENNIUM *matter*. They touch off important stories in many of the crossovers, and to a great extent will affect our heroes' lives. Count on that. Nothing is merely a walk-on or a cameo by some character from another book. It all ties in.

There will be what we call "indirect crossovers," stories that enlarge or provide background to our saga, for instance in SECRET ORIGINS, but even those have been carefully planned and thought out to add to your enjoyment of the whole spectacle!

We may have needed computers to organize MILLENNIUM and guarantee that it will become an outstanding achievement for us, but trust me, you won't need a computer to keep track of it all. I can already hear you scratching your heads at the thought of following a six-hundred-page story. How will it work?

It's simple, really. Every week for eight weeks, we'll release an issue of MILLENNIUM. (That's what I said . . . the book comes out *weekly*. I gulped when I heard that suggested too, but you get used to it after a bit.) In each week a number of our books will tie into the series as well. Which books? Look over the checklist on this page, or just scan the racks for the specially designed MILLENNIUM logo.

All you have to do is read the MILLENNIUM issue for that week *first*. Then, read the others in any order. I told you it was simple.

With MILLENNIUM, our heroes and DC take a step into the future.

Join us.

Thank you and good afternoon.

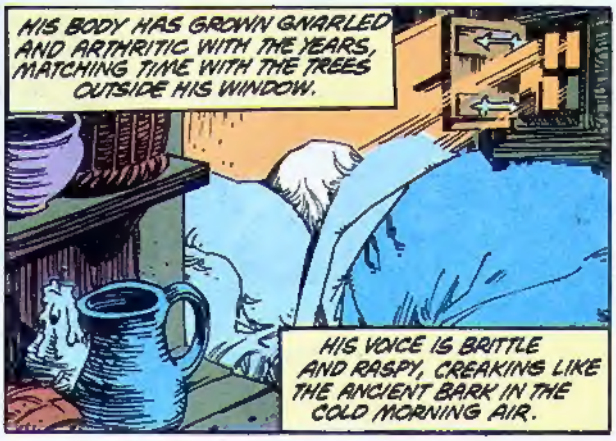
P.S. Need more info? If you're in the neighborhood, stop in and chat with us at either the Chicago or San Diego conventions and pick up a copy of FOCUS at our booth. It's free for attendees and loaded with facts!

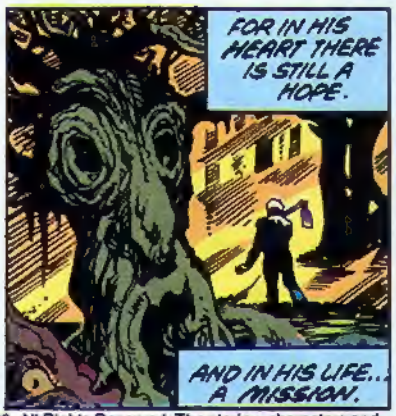
See you there!

DAWN BREAKS ON THE GEMWORLD.

RUBY-TINTED LANCES SPLIT THE OBSIDIAN NIGHT, CUTTING THE SILVERED CORDS OF MOON MIST THAT HOLD THE FORESTS CAPTIVE...

...AND SEVERING A JADED OLD MAN FROM HIS DREAM-FILLED NIGHT OF GOLDEN YOUTH.





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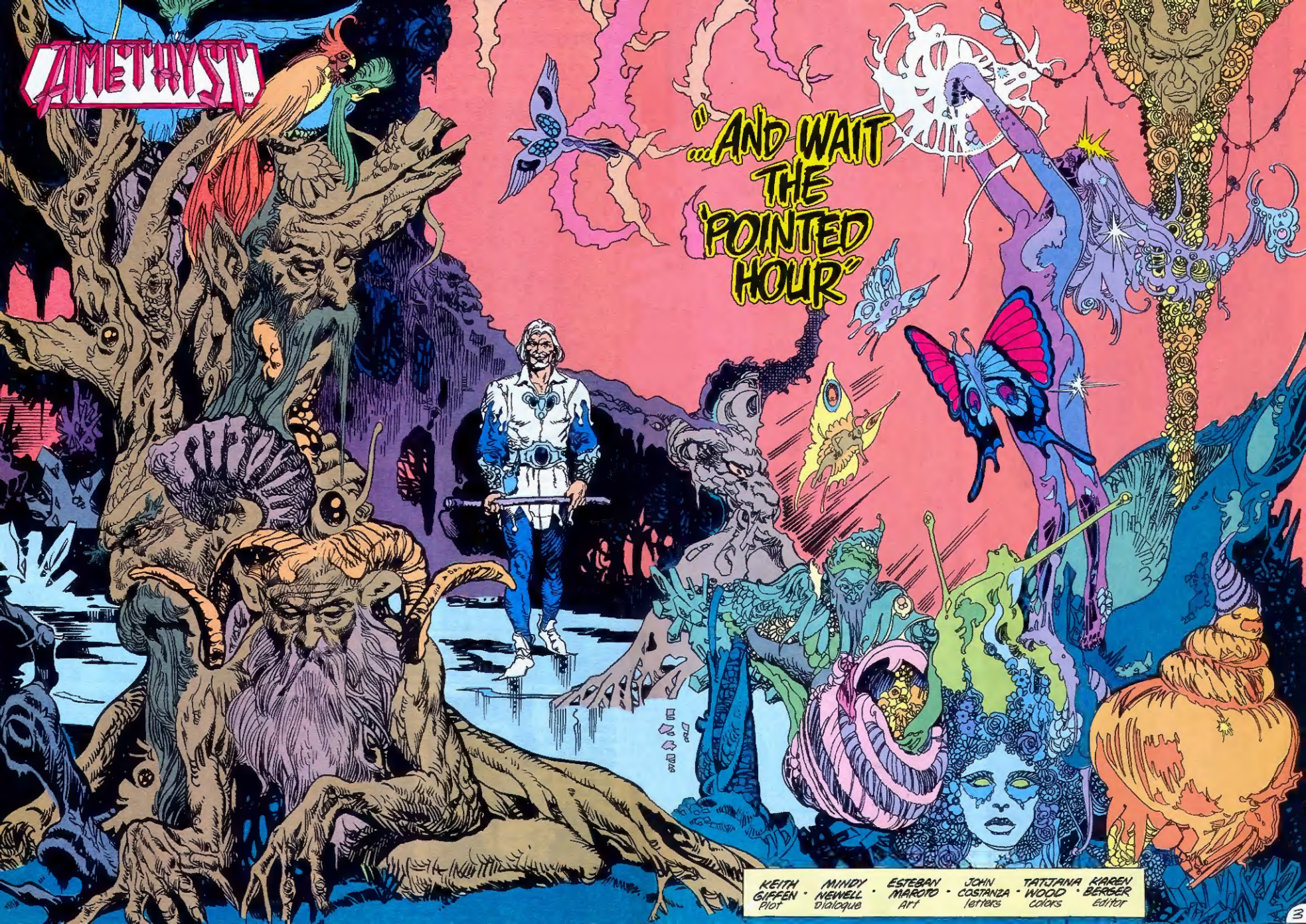
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"...AND WAIT THE POINTED HOUR"
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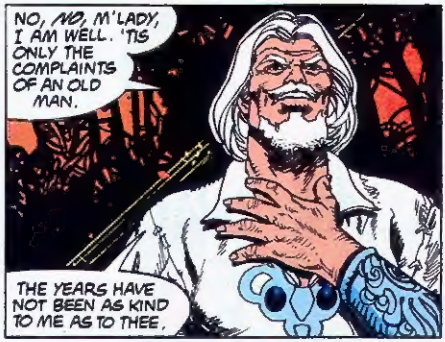
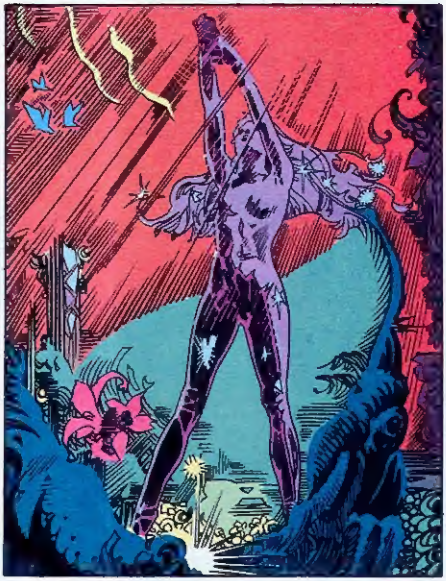
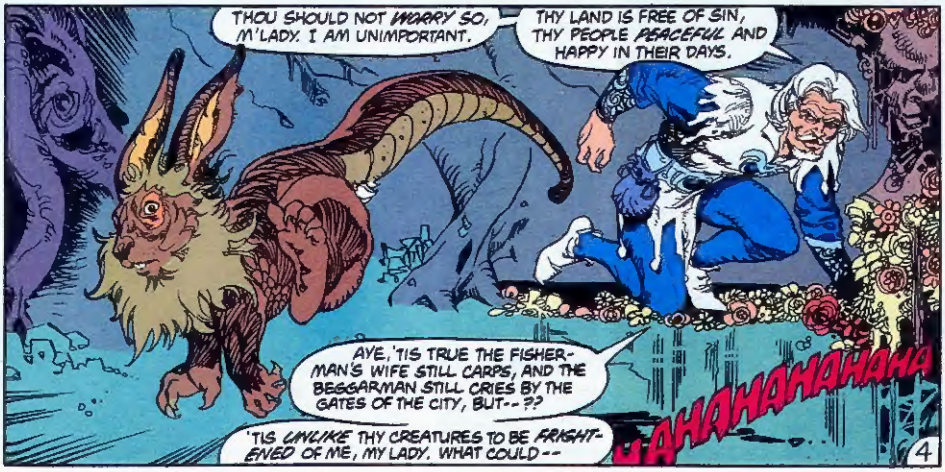
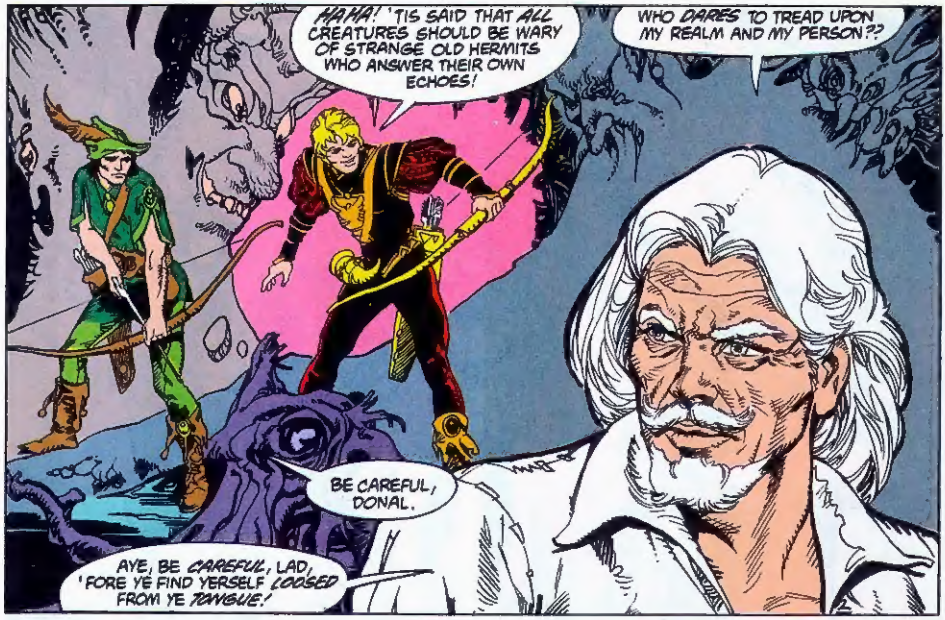
GOOD MORROW, M'LADY, AND HOW DOST THEE FARE THIS DAY?
AYE, 'TIS A GLORIOUS MORN, TO BE SURE, THOUGH 'TWAS I LOATHE TO LEAVE MY PALLET.

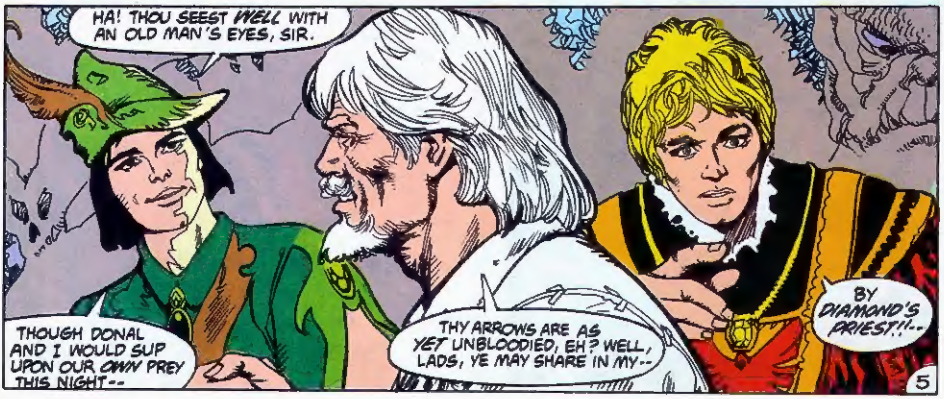

NO, NO, M'LADY, I AM WELL. 'TIS ONLY THE COMPLAINTS OF AN OLD MAN.
THE YEARS HAVE NOT BEEN AS KIND TO ME AS TO THEE.




THOU SHOULD NOT WORRY SO, M'LADY. I AM UNIMPORTANT.
THY LAND IS FREE OF SIN, THY PEOPLE PEACEFUL AND HAPPY IN THEIR DAYS.
AYE, 'TIS TRUE THE FISHERMAN'S WIFE STILL CARPS, AND THE BEGGARMAN STILL CRIES BY THE GATES OF THE CITY, BUT--??
'TIS UNLIKE THY CREATURES TO BE FRIGHTENED OF ME, MY LADY. WHAT COULD--
AHAHAHAHAHA


HA HA! 'TIS SAID THAT ALL CREATURES SHOULD BE WARY OF STRANGE OLD HERMITS WHO ANSWER THEIR OWN ECHOES!
WHO DARES TO TREAD UPON MY REALM AND MY PERSON?!
BE CAREFUL, DONAL.
AYE, BE CAREFUL, LAD, 'FORE YE FIND YERSELF LOOSED FROM YE TONGUE!

COME, SIR, CANST THOU NOT TAKE GOOD LAUGHTER SHARED? 'TWAS BUT TEASING THOU HEARD, NOTHING MORE.
WE DID NOT MEAN TO TRESPASS.
AYE, I SAW THE HARE YE HUNTED... AND NO DOUBT HE SAW YE LONG BEFORE THY SHAFT WAS BROUGHT TO BOW.


HA! THOU SEEST WELL WITH AN OLD MAN'S EYES, SIR.
THOUGH DONAL AND I WOULD SUP UPON OUR OWN PREY THIS NIGHT--
THY ARROWS ARE AS YET UNBLOODIED, EH? WELL, LADS, YE MAY SHARE IN MY--
BY DIAMOND'S PRIEST!!--

WHAT IS THAT??
NOT WHAT, LAD.
WHO.
WHO?
DONAL, 'TIS FOUL MAGIC HERE. LET US BE GONE.
FOUL MAGIC, TREY?... SHE IS BEAUTIFUL!
AYE. THAT SHE IS.
'TIS A RARE GIFT THOU HAVE, SIR, TO CONJURE SUCH A THING FROM STONE.
I CANNOT LAY CLAIM TO THAT GIFT, LAD.
THEN TELL ME THE SORCERER'S NAME, SIR!
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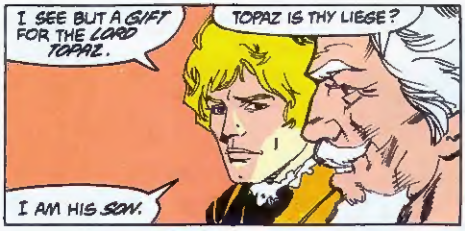


"THOU SPEAKST OF THE LEGEND?"

"AYE, HER LIFE WAS OF THE SONGS OF LEGEND, BUT THE PRINCESS AMETHYST WAS A CHILD OF FLESH AND BLOOD."

"THOU SAYST THE STORY IS WRONG? SHE WAS NOT A LORD OF ORDER?"

SHE WAS THAT, AND OTHER THINGS... BEARER OF THE PURPLE GEMSTONE, DESTROYER OF THE DICTATOR DARK OPAL, SAVIOR OF FIRE JADE'S SOUL...

"...AND THE LIGHT WHICH SPARED THE GEMWORLD FROM FLAWED CHAOS."

NOOOOOOO!!! HE DARES CALL THE LORDS OF CHAOS FLAWED??

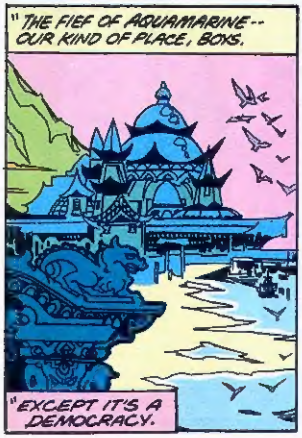
YOU SSSSEEEE WHAT COMESSS OF SSENDING A CHILD TO DO OUR WORRRK FORRR USSS???

SAY I HE TO BE OUT CAST! THE VOID HE IS TO DWELL!

OH, SHADDUP! BUNCHA GEEKS!

LIKE THE MAN SAID--

LESSEE WHAT FOOLS THESE GEMWORLD MORTALS BE! KINGDOM BY KINGDOM!



"THE EMERALD CITY.
"USED TO BE RUN BY A WIZARD, BUT NOW THEY GOT A POLITICO WITH STRAW FOR BRAINS.
"GARNET'S LAND. HE'S BUILT UP A LOT OF HEAVY INDUSTRY SINCE THE LAST WAR. LOTS OF HIGHWAYS LEADING OUT, TOO.
"JUST LIKE OL' ADOLPH. SMART MAN, GARNET.
"RUBY--USED TO BE THE SUN NEVER SET ON THAT EMPIRE.
"GOD SAVE THEIR KING.
"SAPPHIRE'S XENOPHOBIC.
"TOUGH IMMIGRATION LAWS.
"TURQUOISE--NOW THERE'S A LADY! THE GEMWORLD'S ANSWER TO KATHLEEN TURNER.
"AND TUFFFF!
"WHAT THE HECK SHE SEES IN THAT WIMP TOPAZ I'LL NEVER KNOW.
"CULTURE? BAH! GIVE ME SOME DOWN-AND-OUT RHYTHM AND BLUES EVERY TIME!
"SARDONYX.
"A DESERT. DUNES AND SANDWORMS, SPICE AND FREMEN.
"SORRY. WRONG BOOK.
"NOTHING MUCH WHERE AMETHYST USED TO HANG OUT.
"NEVER DID LIKE THAT PLACE.
"♪♪ Born down in a dead man's town ♪♪
"SPRINGSTEEN'S A BIG HIT IN OPAL."
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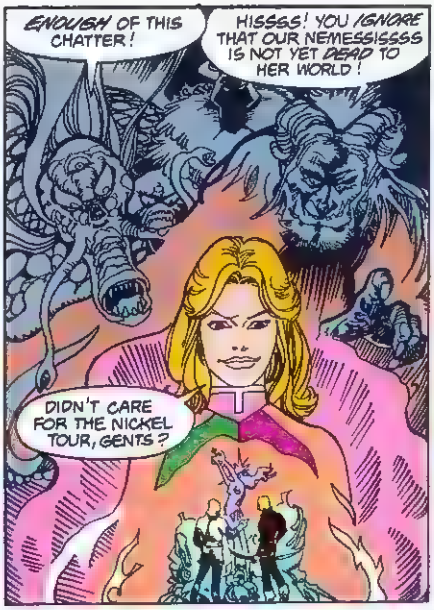
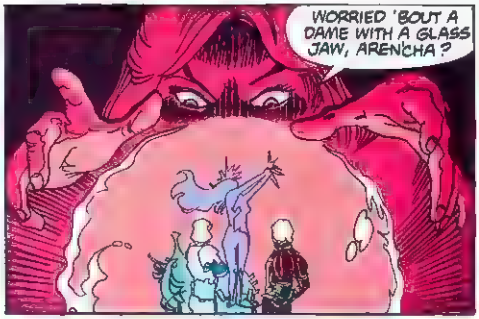
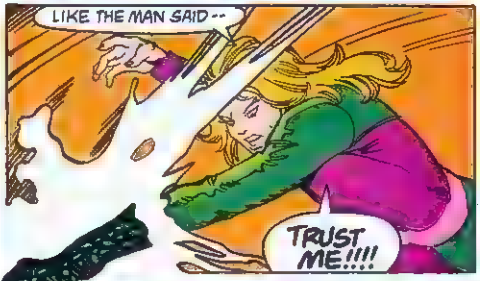
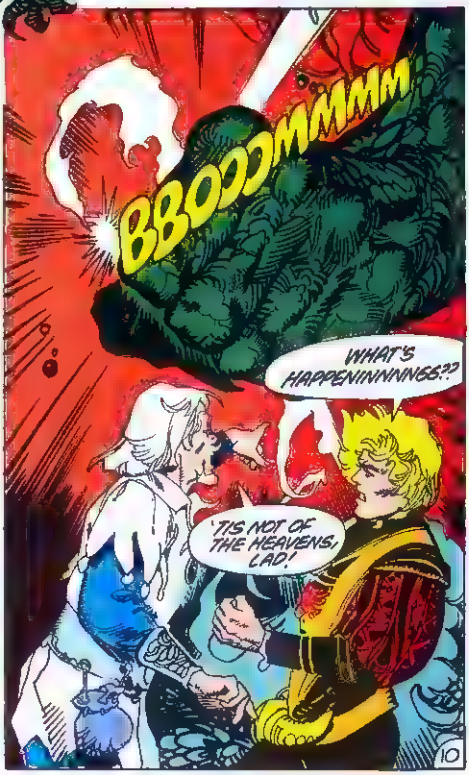

ENOUGH OF THIS CHATTER!
HISSSS! YOU IGNORE THAT OUR NEMESSISSSS IS NOT YET DEAD TO HER WORLD!
DIDN'T CARE FOR THE NICKEL TOUR, GENTS?

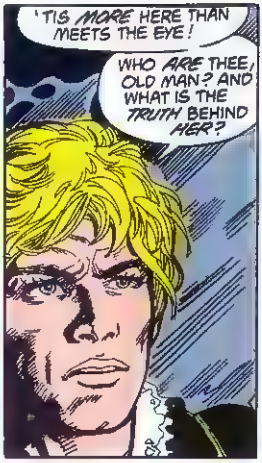

WORRIED 'BOUT A DAME WITH A GLASS JAW, AREN'CHA?


LIKE THE MAN SAID--
TRUST ME!!!!

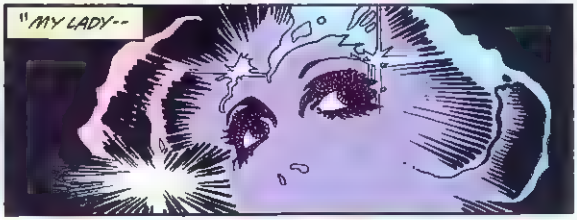
RUMMMBBLLEE!
BY ALL THAT'S HOLY!!!--


BBOOOMMMM
WHAT'S HAPPENINNNNNSS??
'TIS NOT OF THE HEAVENS, LAD!

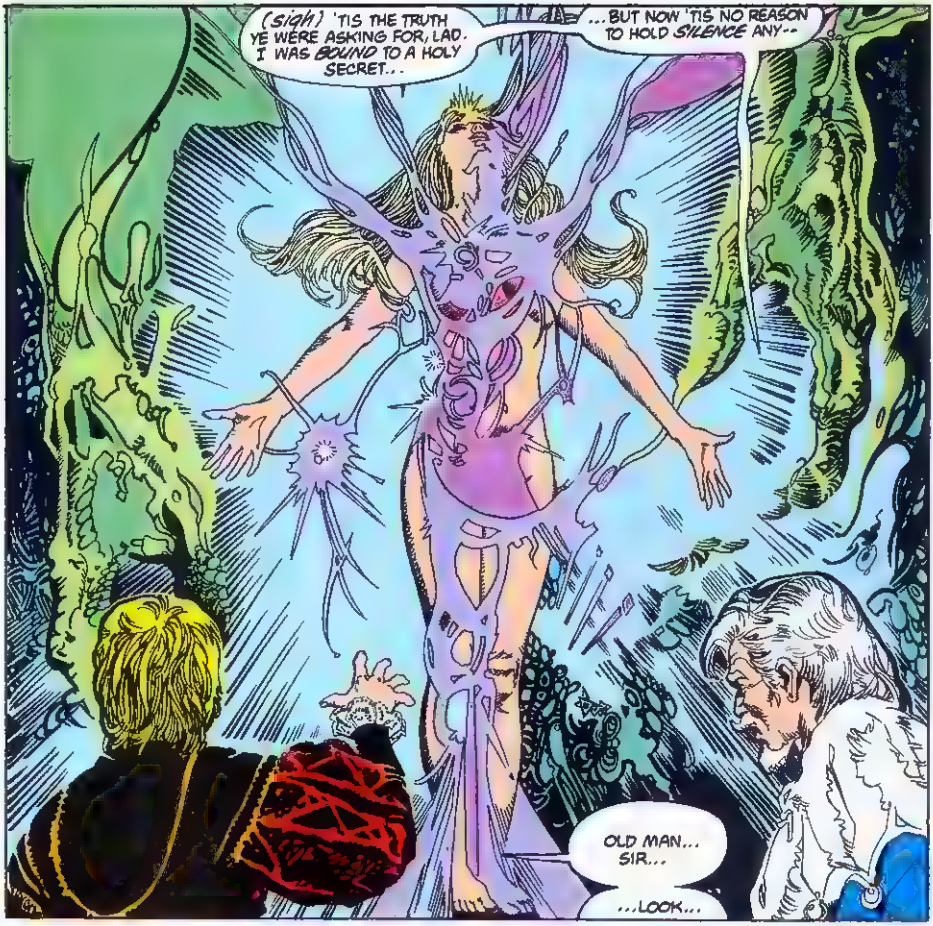
HAHAHAHAHA!
THAT LAUGHTER--?!
'TIS DEMON SPAWN!

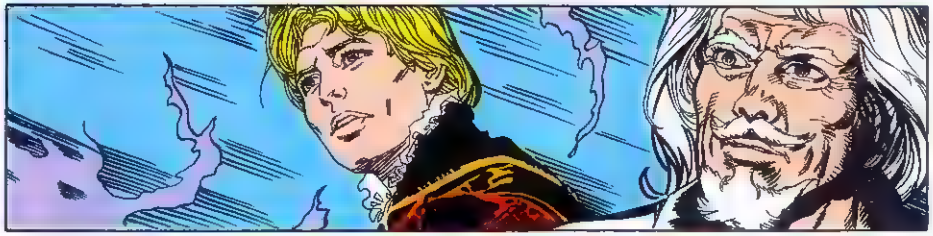

'TIS MORE HERE THAN MEETS THE EYE!
WHO ARE THEE, OLD MAN? AND WHAT IS THE TRUTH BEHIND HER?

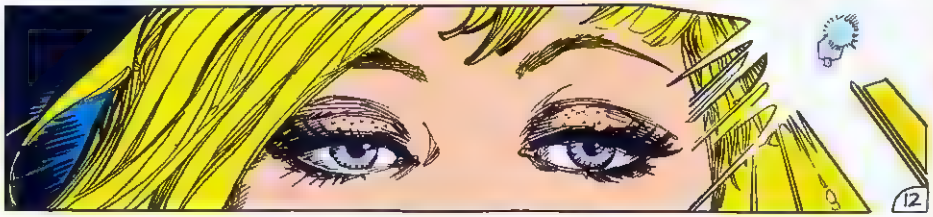
I HAVE FAILED!!!

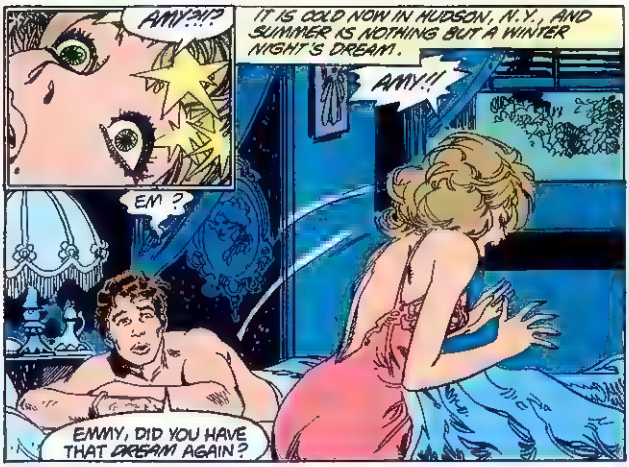

"MY LADY--

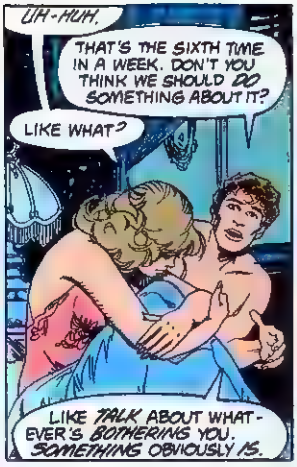
"--I HAVE FAILED THEE!"
HAHAHAHAHA
CRAACKKK!

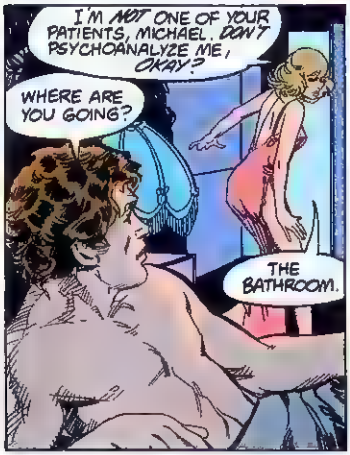

(sigh) 'TIS THE TRUTH YE WERE ASKING FOR, LAD. I WAS BOUND TO A HOLY SECRET...
...BUT NOW 'TIS NO REASON TO HOLD SILENCE ANY--
OLD MAN... SIR...
...LOOK...

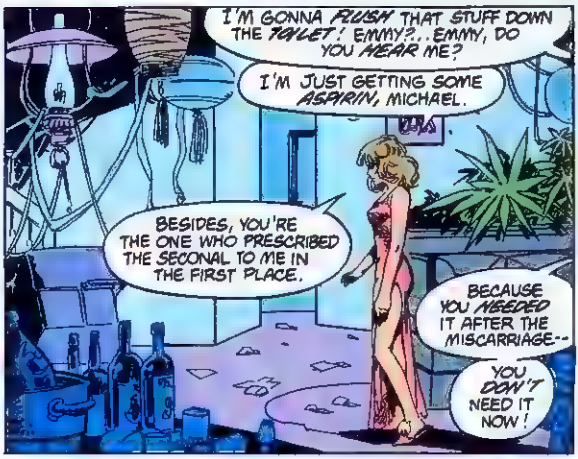


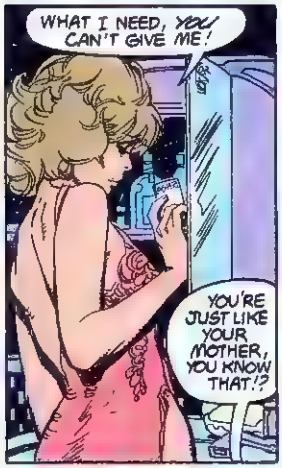



AMY?!!?
IT IS COLD NOW IN HUDSON, N.Y., AND SUMMER IS NOTHING BUT A WINTER NIGHT'S DREAM.
AMY!!
EM ?
EMMY, DID YOU HAVE THAT DREAM AGAIN?


UH-HUH.
THAT'S THE SIXTH TIME IN A WEEK. DON'T YOU THINK WE SHOULD DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT?
LIKE WHAT?
LIKE TALK ABOUT WHATEVER'S BOTHERING YOU. SOMETHING OBVIOUSLY IS.

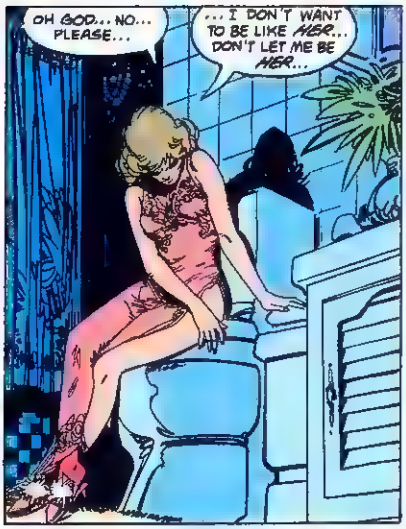

I'M NOT ONE OF YOUR PATIENTS, MICHAEL. DON'T PSYCHOANALYZE ME, OKAY?
WHERE ARE YOU GOING?
THE BATHROOM.

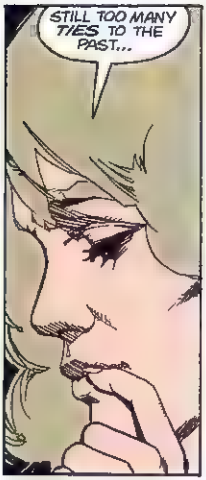

I'M GONNA FLUSH THAT STUFF DOWN THE TOILET! EMMY?... EMMY, DO YOU HEAR ME?
I'M JUST GETTING SOME ASPIRIN, MICHAEL.
BESIDES, YOU'RE THE ONE WHO PRESCRIBED THE SECONAL TO ME IN THE FIRST PLACE.
BECAUSE YOU NEEDED IT AFTER THE MISCARRIAGE--
YOU DON'T NEED IT NOW!

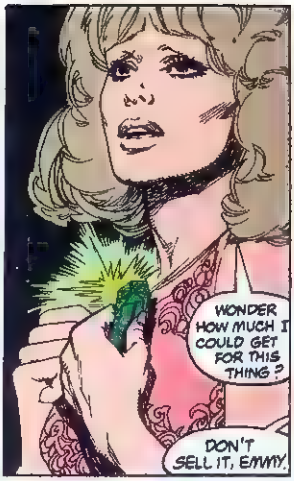

WHAT I NEED, YOU CAN'T GIVE ME!
YOU'RE JUST LIKE YOUR MOTHER, YOU KNOW THAT!?

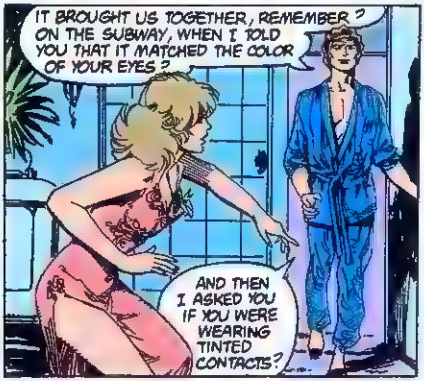
OH!

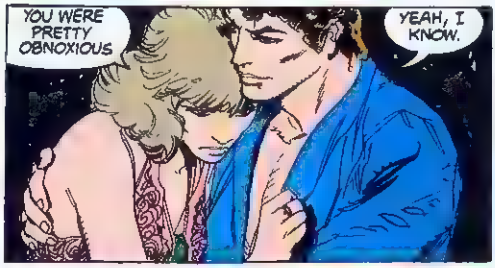
NO.


OH GOD... NO... PLEASE...
...I DON'T WANT TO BE LIKE HER... DON'T LET ME BE HER...


STILL TOO MANY TIES TO THE PAST...


WONDER HOW MUCH I COULD GET FOR THIS THING?
DON'T SELL IT, EMMY.


IT BROUGHT US TOGETHER, REMEMBER? ON THE SUBWAY, WHEN I TOLD YOU THAT IT MATCHED THE COLOR OF YOUR EYES?
AND THEN I ASKED YOU IF YOU WERE WEARING TINTED CONTACTS?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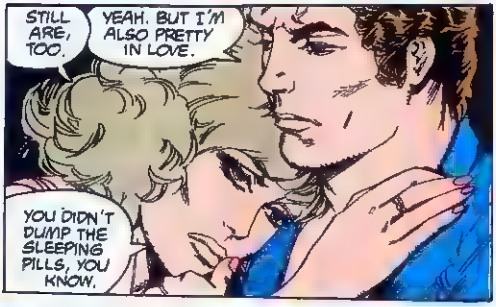
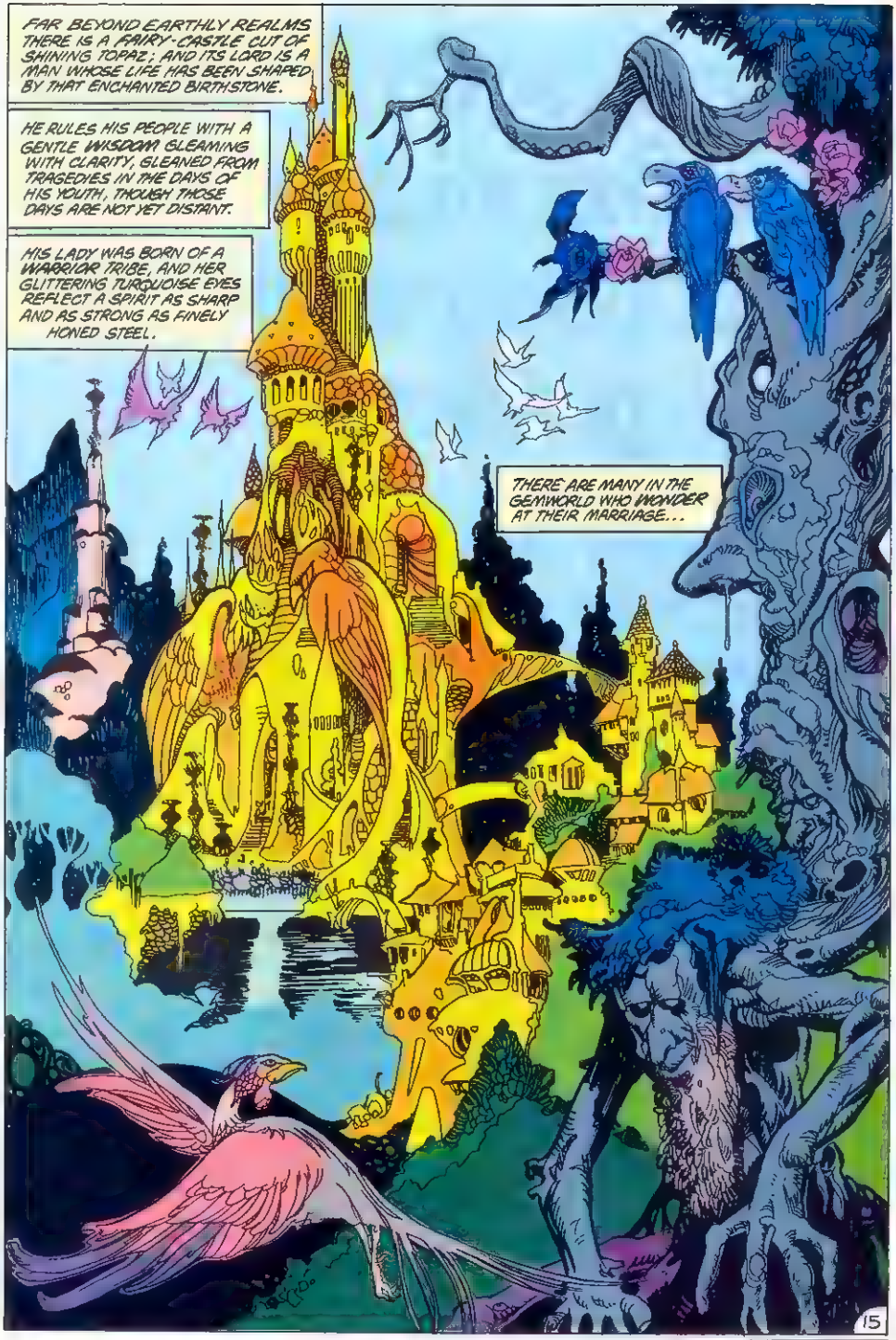
YEAH, I KNOW.


STILL ARE, TOO.
YEAH. BUT I'M ALSO PRETTY IN LOVE.
YOU DIDN'T DUMP THE SLEEPING PILLS, YOU KNOW.

IN THE MORNING, LET'S GO TO BED.
I'M NOT BECOMING LIKE MY MOTHER, AM I, MICHAEL?
YEAH. BUT THE APPLE DOESN'T FALL FAR FROM THE TREE.
YOU'RE AS NORMAL AS APPLE PIE, EM.



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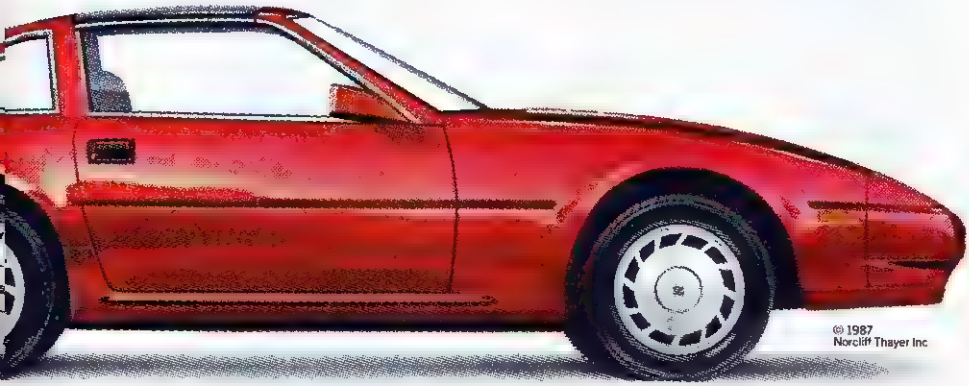

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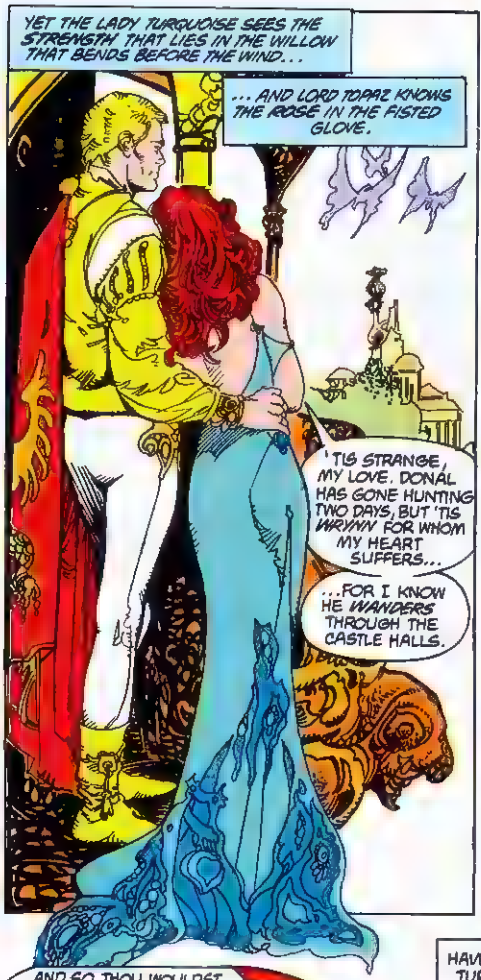
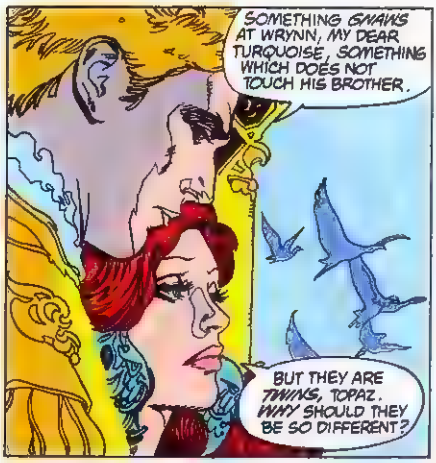
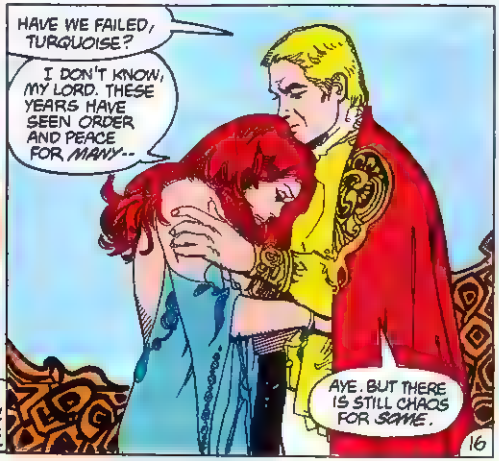

YET THE LADY TURQUOISE SEES THE STRENGTH THAT LIES IN THE WILLOW THAT BENDS BEFORE THE WIND...
...AND LORD TOPAZ KNOWS THE ROSE IN THE FISTED GLOVE.
'TIS STRANGE, MY LOVE. DONAL HAS GONE HUNTING TWO DAYS, BUT 'TIS WRYNN FOR WHOM MY HEART SUFFERS...
...FOR I KNOW HE WANDERS THROUGH THE CASTLE HALLS.


SOMETHING GNAWS AT WRYNN, MY DEAR TURQUOISE, SOMETHING WHICH DOES NOT TOUCH HIS BROTHER.
BUT THEY ARE TWINS, TOPAZ. WHY SHOULD THEY BE SO DIFFERENT?

THEY ARE ALSO LADS BECOMING MEN IN THEIR OWN RIGHT, MY SWEET. EACH LIVES IN A WORLD SHAPED BY HIS OWN EXPERIENCES.
WE HAVE NEVER DIVIDED OUR LOVE, TOPAZ, NOR FAVORED ONE OVER THE OTHER.

AND SO THOU WOULDST THINK OUR SONS WOULD BE AS MIRRORS IN THEIR SOULS. I KNOW.
BUT WHERE ONE IS LOVING, THE OTHER IS SPITEFUL
DONAL'S FACE IS LIT BY LAUGHTER, WRYNN'S IS DARK WITH MELANCHOLY.


HAVE WE FAILED, TURQUOISE?
I DON'T KNOW, MY LORD. THESE YEARS HAVE SEEN ORDER AND PEACE FOR MANY--
AYE. BUT THERE IS STILL CHAOS FOR SOME.

"WE MUST HELP WRYNN, TOPAZ."

"AYE. SOMEHOW. BEFORE 'TIS TOO LATE."

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EVEN AS A CHILD, HE HAD PREFERRED THIS PLACE TO THE OPEN AND SUNLIT GARDENS WHERE THE OTHER LITTLE ONES OF THE CASTLE HAD PLAYED IN SAFETY AND DELIGHT.

VOICES IN THE NIGHT HAD FIRST LED HIM HERE--WHISPERING, SEDUCTIVE VOICES SPEAKING OF POWER, AND MYSTERY, AND THE DARK SECRETS OF LIFE UNVEILED.

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ONCE, A LONG TIME AGO, WRYNN HAD DARED HIS BROTHER TO COME WITH HIM... BUT DONAL HAD CRIED, TOO FRIGHTENED TO DARE, TOO SAFE IN THE GARDEN.

SO WRYNN CONTINUED TO COME ALONE.

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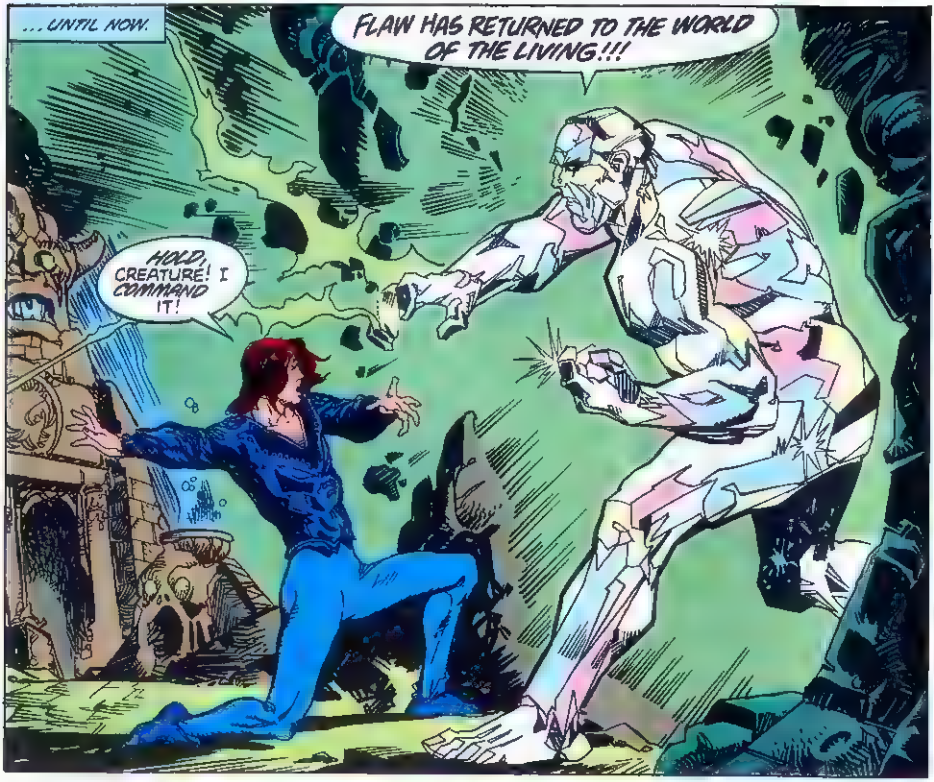
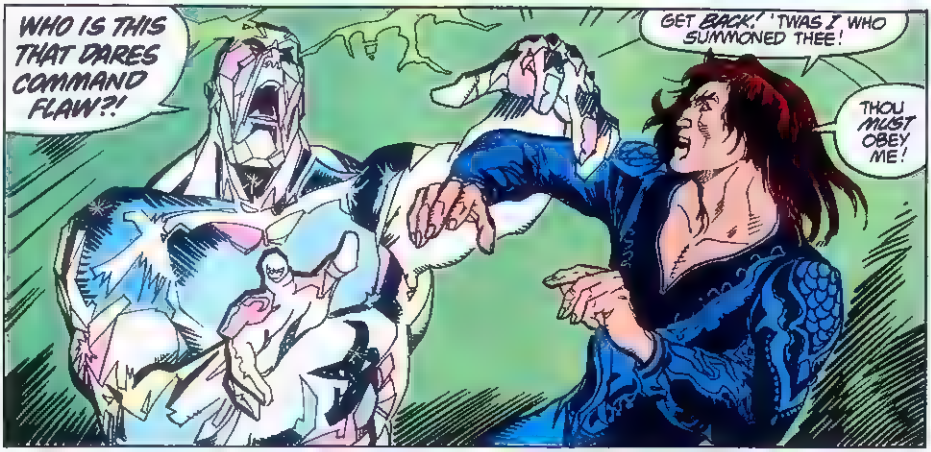
WRYNN HAS ALWAYS BEEN ALONE...

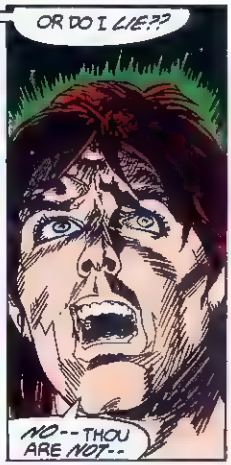
EHH!?!

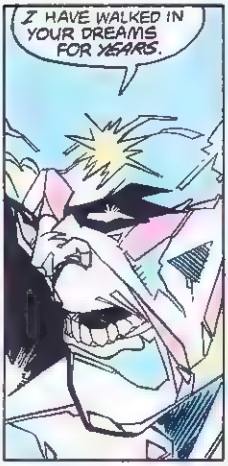

...UNTIL NOW.
FLAW HAS RETURNED TO THE WORLD OF THE LIVING!!!
HOLD, CREATURE! I COMMAND IT!


WHO IS THIS THAT DARES COMMAND FLAW?!
GET BACK! 'TWAS I WHO SUMMONED THEE!
THOU MUST OBEY ME!

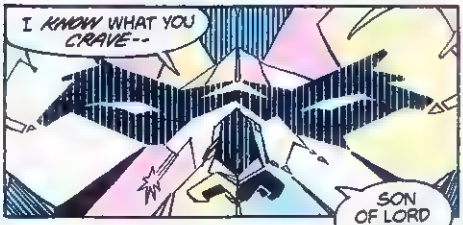
NO, STRIPLING
IT WAS I WHO SUMMONED YOU.

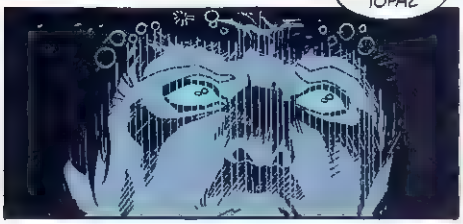
YOU HAVE SEEN MY FORM BEFORE, STRIPLING.


OR DO I LIE??
NO--THOU ARE NOT--


I HAVE WALKED IN YOUR DREAMS FOR YEARS.

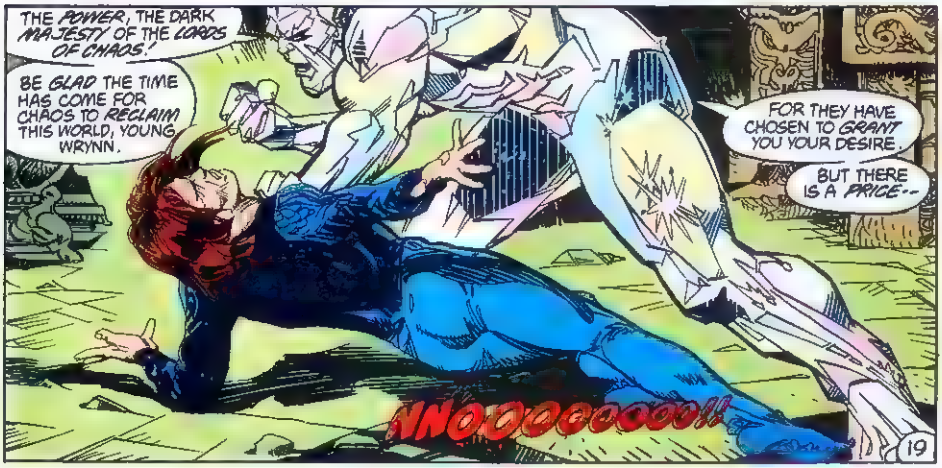
HAVE I NOT?
--NO--

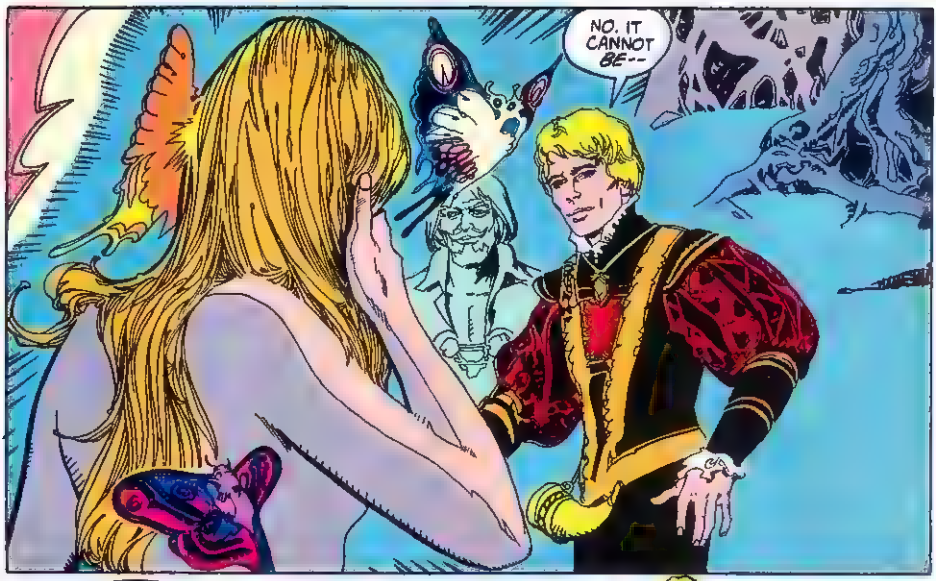

I KNOW WHAT YOU CRAVE--


SON OF LORD TOPAZ

YOU CRAVE--
YOU LUST--

--FOR POWER!


THE POWER, THE DARK MAJESTY OF THE LORDS OF CHAOS!
BE GLAD THE TIME HAS COME FOR CHAOS TO RECLAIM THIS WORLD, YOUNG WRYNN.
FOR THEY HAVE CHOSEN TO GRANT YOU YOUR DESIRE.
BUT THERE IS A PRICE--
NNOOOOOOOO!!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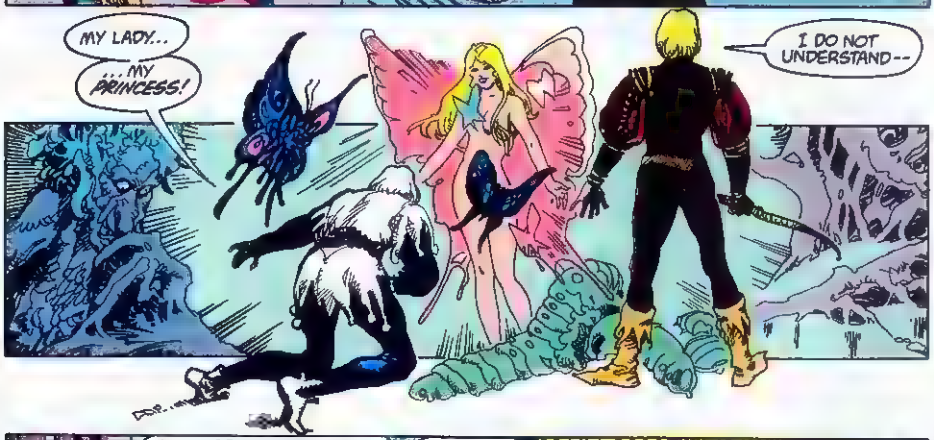
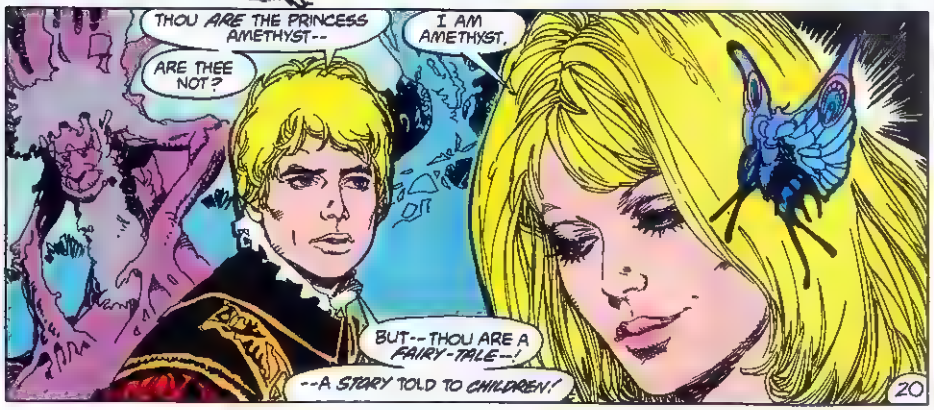
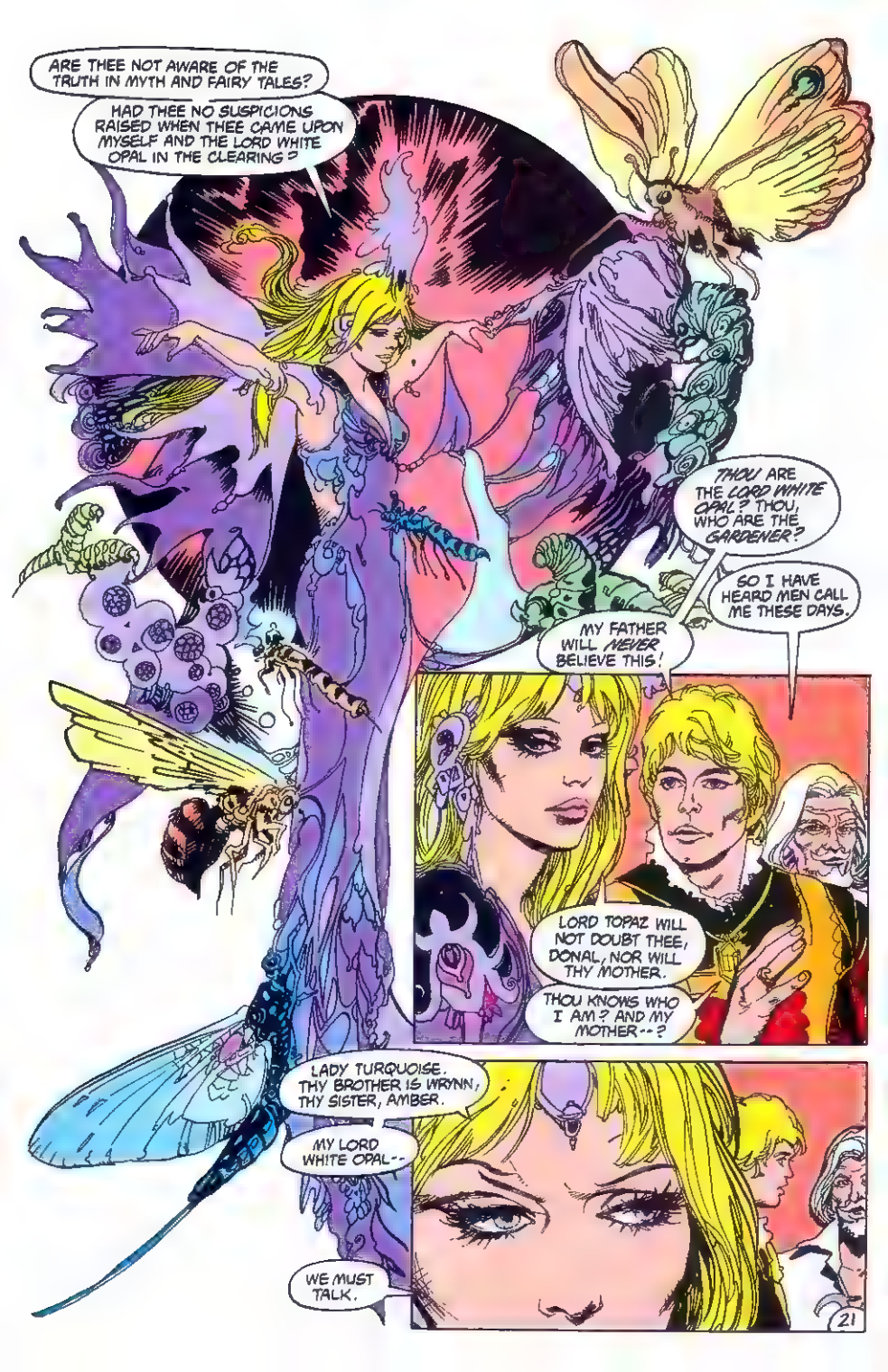

MY LADY...
...MY PRINCESS!
I DO NOT UNDERSTAND--


THOU ARE THE PRINCESS AMETHYST--
ARE THEE NOT?
I AM AMETHYST.
BUT--THOU ARE A FAIRY-TALE--!
--A STORY TOLD TO CHILDREN!


ARE THEE NOT AWARE OF THE TRUTH IN MYTH AND FAIRY TALES?
HAD THEE NO SUSPICIONS RAISED WHEN THEE CAME UPON MYSELF AND THE LORD WHITE OPAL IN THE CLEARING?
THOU ARE THE LORD WHITE OPAL? THOU, WHO ARE THE GARDENER?
SO I HAVE HEARD MEN CALL ME THESE DAYS.
MY FATHER WILL NEVER BELIEVE THIS!
LORD TOPAZ WILL NOT DOUBT THEE, DONAL, NOR WILL THY MOTHER.
THOU KNOWS WHO I AM? AND MY MOTHER--?
LADY TURQUOISE. THY BROTHER IS WRYNN, THY SISTER, AMBER.
MY LORD WHITE OPAL--
WE MUST TALK.
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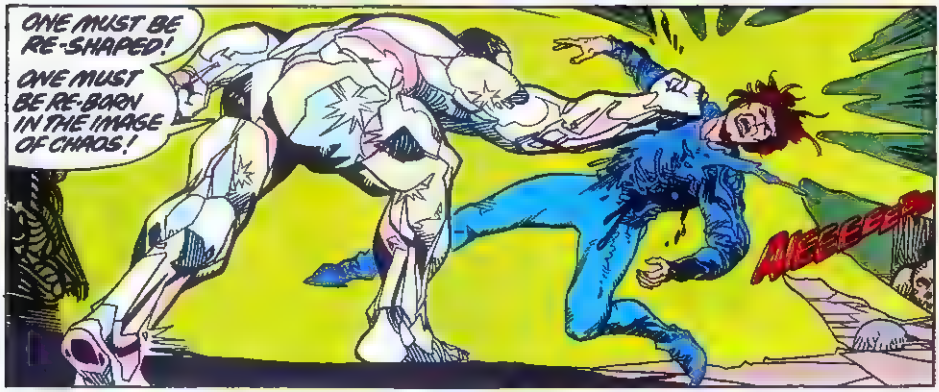
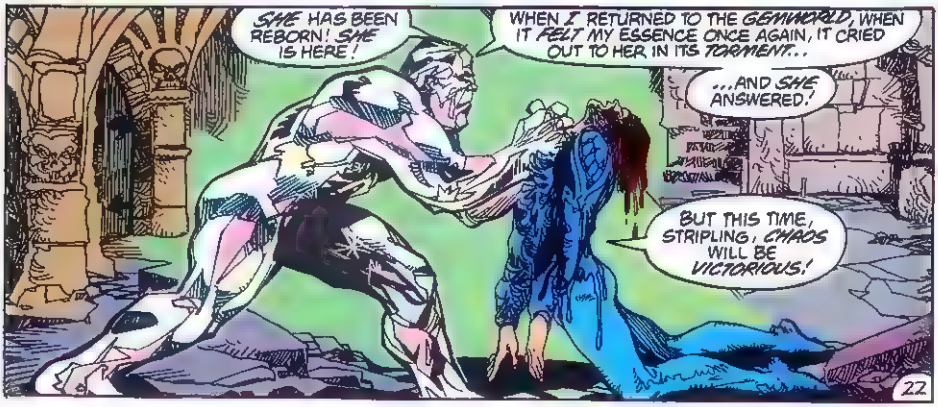
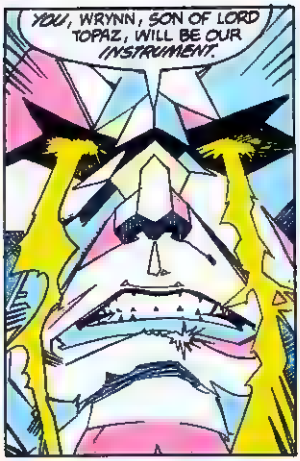
...PLEASE...
IT IS TOO LATE FOR WORDS, STRIPLING!
YOU WISH TO SERVE CHAOS. TO SERVE CHAOS, ONE MUST KNOW PAIN!
ONE MUST KNOW DARKNESS!


ONE MUST BE RE-SHAPED!
ONE MUST BE RE-BORN IN THE IMAGE OF CHAOS!
AIEEEEE


SHE HAS BEEN REBORN! SHE IS HERE!
WHEN I RETURNED TO THE GEMWORLD, WHEN IT FELT MY ESSENCE ONCE AGAIN, IT CRIED OUT TO HER IN ITS TORMENT...
...AND SHE ANSWERED!
BUT THIS TIME, STRIPLING, CHAOS WILL BE VICTORIOUS!



YOU ARE WRYNN NO CONSER!

FOR ALL ETERNITY, STRIPLING--

MO-THERR! FA-THERRR!

FORGIVE-- AAAAGGHHHH!

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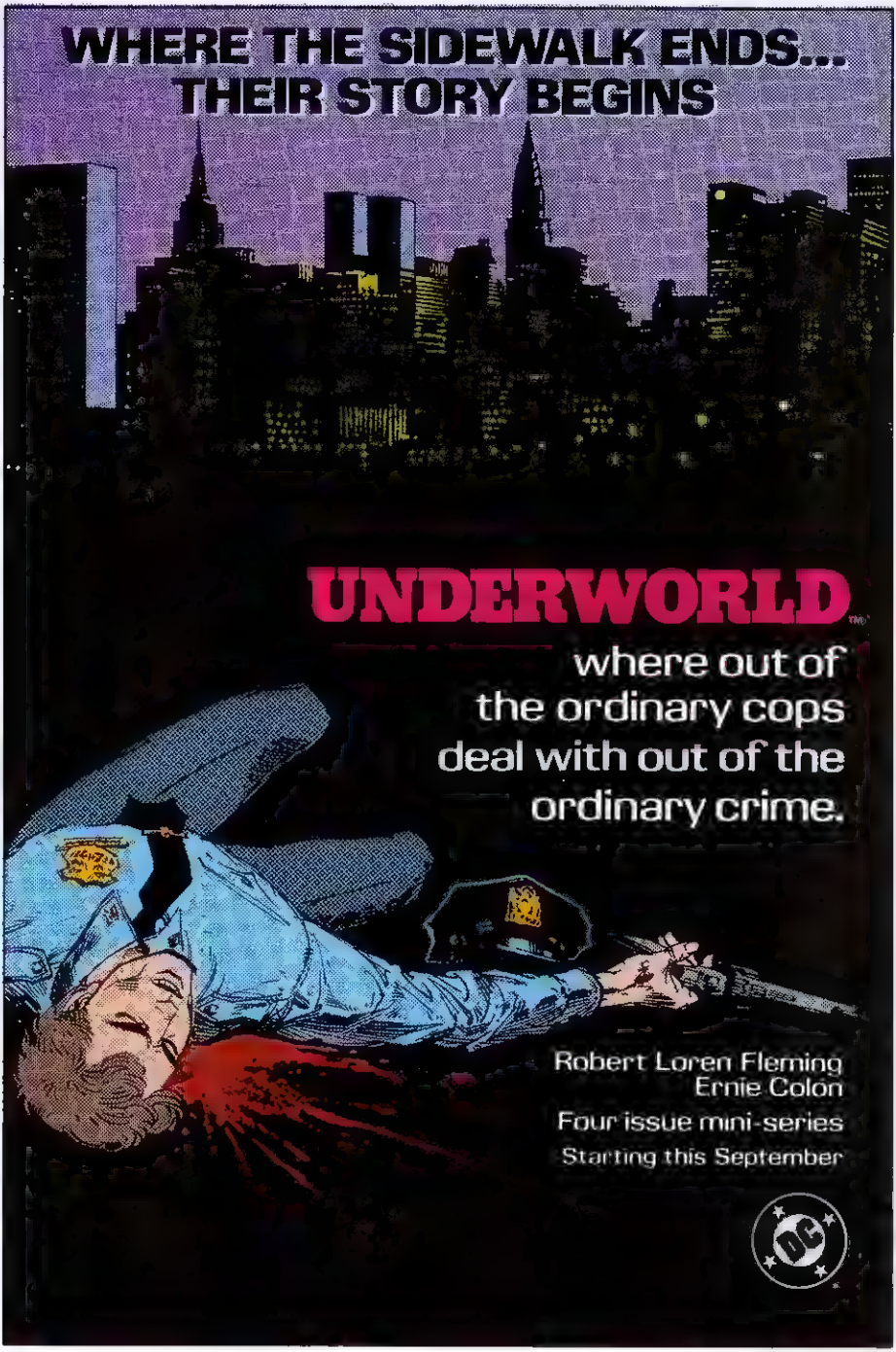

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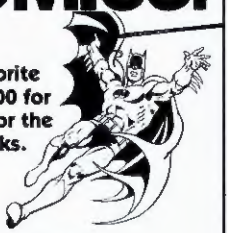

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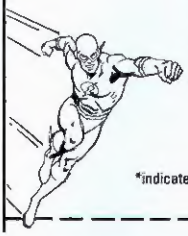

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